



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

August 29, 2021 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -
Word & Communion Service

5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass

11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, September 5

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Abby Turk

Ministers at MGC

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer

by B.J. Ewing

Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

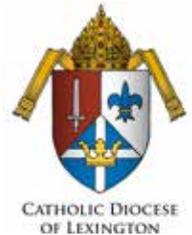
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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Parish Mission Statement

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013



International Dinner

The International Dinner is September 9, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the The Appalachian Arts Alliance (512 Main St. Hazard, KY). Please sign up to help setup, cleanup, or serve. We are also looking for individuals to serve the meal and help with carry out orders.

Quilt Raffle

As part of the International Dinner this quilt, made with an Around the World Pattern will be raffled off. Tickets are \$5.



Interested in Becoming Catholic

Do you know someone who wants to know more about Catholicism or has questions about the Catholic Church? Our regular RCIA meetings will begin on September 14, 2021 with a hybrid gathering style. If interested in helping please sign up.

Black Gold

Black Gold Festival will be happening September 16-18 in Hazard. Mother of Good Counsel will have a booth on Friday Evening and Saturday. If you are able to help staff the booth please let Lori know. We will be selling flour sack towels and handing out information about the Catholic church and giving away Rosaries.

Religious Education Registration

Please register your children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Religious Education and Teen Disciples will begin meeting in September. Please register your children so that we can get an accurate count of students and have current paperwork on your children. Religious Education will begin on September 12.

Catechists

If you are interested in being a catechist for religious education or teen disciples please let Lori know of your interest.

Day of Prayer and Healing

Day of Prayer and Healing, Sept. 18, 2021: Experience the peace and healing that comes when you are able to share your burdens with another. For someone who has been in the desert of post- abortive suffering, responding to a Day of Prayer and Healing is a grace of faith in the promise of a loving God and a grace of hope that His promise of love is real, personal and forgiving. Attending a Day not only allows new seeds of Faith, Hope and Love to be planted, it also nourishes the desire for healing and encourages the heart on the way to wholeness. For more information call (859) 310-3970.

Young Adult Faith Formation

There is a group of young adults (18-39) that is forming that will begin gathering this fall. Please contact John Manubag by email if interested johnmanubag24@gmail.com

Second Collection

Recently, Haiti was hit with a massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake, further devastating a country still reeling from previous earthquakes. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed. This, coupled with a tropical storm hitting the island nation, and its persistent poverty, make the situation even direr. The Diocese of Lexington is taking up a second collection to provide funds to Catholic Relief Services, who are already mobilized to support Haiti's disaster relief. We ask that you give to support our Haitian brothers and sisters who need support to survive this devastating situation. Please pray for the people of Haiti and for the repose of the souls of the many who have perished.

Happenings this Week

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

Our Weekly Offering

for 08/22/21

Loose: \$60

Envelopes : \$605

Monthly: \$55

Collection for Haiti: \$20

The Assumption: \$55

Online: \$75

]Total Weekly Offering: \$870

Law Versus Values

That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Do you have a favorite religious practice? The rosary? Communal singing? What religious value does it reflect?



Readings for the Week

Monday
AUGUST 30

Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday
AUGUST 31

Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday
Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday
Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Col 1:15-20
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday
Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 5

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37



Dear Padre

August 29, 2021

I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his "perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues" is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?

Romans 8:26 says, "In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings."

I'd be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR

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Prayer for Creation

Laudato Si Commission

Thank you for the glorious gift of the earth, especially our own little piece of it! The entire material universe speaks of Your love, Your boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. Help us to share our intimate connection and Care of our Common Home through care of the creeks, the mountains, the meadows and the forests. Help us to share our relationships and knowledge so that all may partake of the gracious bounty that You have given us. Awake our memories to those places where revisiting them is a chance to recover something of our true selves in You, our God. May we continue to cultivate this great love revealed into us in creation. In your name we pray! Amen

Written for the Catholic Diocese of Lexington by members of the Laudato Si Commission. 2021

Season of Craetion - September 1 - October

September 1: Online Prayer Service for Creation Day/World Day of Prayer for Creation Creation Day, opens the season each year. Pope Francis, Patriarch Bartholomew, the World Council of Churches, and many other leaders have called the faithful to celebrate it. Christian leaders will be gathering in Assisi for an ecumenical prayer service. Globally, Christians are invited to join an online prayer service to come together in a joyful celebration of our common cause. More information can be found at SeasonofCreation.org



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Birthdays This Week:

9/1 :George Lozano
9/4 Kashlynn Bailey & Ron Brunty

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Himmertzheim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye and Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer.

If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

Prayer Family Rhoda & Brian Campbell